

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION
USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)****Title of Invention****METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR LETTUCE HARVESTING
FACILITATION**

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
- ☒ Application No. 10/281,295, filed on October 25, 2002,
- ☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable);

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	Filing Date	October 25, 2002
	First Named Inventor	Brown, Richard
	Title	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR LETTUCE HARVESTING FACILITATION
	Group Art Unit	3643
	Examiner Name	
	Attorney Docket Number	18189K-013100US

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JEFFREY R. COOK

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Richard Brown and Tim WexlerApplication No./Patent No.: 10/281,295Filed/Issue Date: October 25, 2002Entitled: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR LETTUCE HARVESTING FACILITATIONFresh Express, Inc., a corporation

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DOC DATE: 02/20/2003

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, Richard Brown of 34325 Chualar Canyon Rd., Chualar, CA 93925; Tim Wexler of 23 Marshfield Circle, Salinas, CA 93906 hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR LETTUCE
HARVESTING FACILITATION

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: 02/20/03; 02/21/03

Filing Date: October 25, 2002

Application No.: 10/281,295; and

WHEREAS, Fresh Express, Inc., located at 1020 Merrill St., Salinas, CA, 93901, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

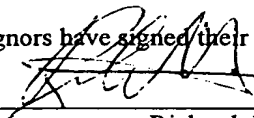
For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

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Assignors hereby authorize and request Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated: 2-20-03


Richard Brown

Dated: 2/21/03


Tim Wexler